GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF BIO -DIESEL
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether bio-diesel purchase policy has been formulated in view of the production of bio-diesel and for making it available in the market in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said policy;

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the scope of the production of bio-diesel in the country;

(d) if so, whether minimum price is fixed for the purchase of bio-diesel;

(e) if so, the procedure thereof and the present price fixed per litre;

(f) whether bio-diesel is not being provided on the fixed price by any of the producers; and

(g) if so, the reasons thereof along with the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam.Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) announced the Bio-diesel Purchase Policy effective from 01.01.2006. As per this Policy, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) would purchase bio-diesel, meeting the standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards, at a uniform price, as may be decided by the OMCs from time to time. The OMCs are to purchase bio-diesel for blending with high speed diesel at 20 identified Purchase Centres across the country.

(c),(d)&(e): Nostudy has been conducted on the scope of the production of bio-diesel in the country so far. The price announced for procurement of bio-diesel by the OMCs with effect from 07.11.2014is Rs 41.00 per litre. This price is based on the retail selling price of diesel and includes taxes, duties and transportation cost for delivery of bio-diesel at the designated purchase centres.

(f)&(g): No bio-diesel has been offered by the biodiesel manufacturers till date at the price announced by the OMCs.The initiatives for increasing the production and usage of biodiesel in the country include the following:

i. The Government has decided on 16th January, 2015 to allow sale of bio-diesel by its manufacturers/suppliers or their authorised dealers and Joint ventures of OMCs authorized by MoPNG, to all consumers.

ii. Government continues to support intensive research and development on improved varieties of non-edible oilseeds including Jatropha and Pongamia for production of biodiesel.